



What does Government *Transparency* mean? Openness, accountability and honesty define government transparency. In a free society, transparency is government's obligation to share information with citizens. It is at the heart of how citizens hold their public officials accountable.

Both Costa Mesa Sanitary District and Mesa Water District have earned Certificates of Excellence in Transparency from the Special District Leadership Foundation. However, look at the differences below and be the judge of which agency is truly practicing transparency.

MESA WATER DISTRICT	COSTA MESA SANITARY DISTRICT
<u>Does not</u> video record Board of Directors meetings for the public.	<u>Does</u> video record Board of Directors meetings for the public and post recordings on CMSD's website for the public to watch.
<u>Does not</u> post contracts with private vendors and public entities on their website.	<u>Does</u> post all contracts with private vendors and public entities on their website
<u>Does not</u> disclose on their website personal financial interest or conflict of interest from officials, Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) Form 700.	<u>Does</u> disclose on their website personal financial interest or conflict of interest from officials, Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) Form 700.
<u>Does not</u> disclose on their website District reimbursements of at least \$100 to Board members and/or employees, as required in Section 53065.5 of the California Government Code.	<u>Does</u> disclose on their website District reimbursements of at least \$100 to Board members and/or employees, as required in Section 53065.5 of the California Government Code.
<u>Does not</u> provide a link on their website disclosing employee compensation from the California State Controller's Office.	<u>Does</u> provide a link on their website disclosing employee compensation from the California State Controller's Office.

<p>Mesa Water received the following grades from the 2011-12 Orange County Grand Jury for their website transparency efforts:</p> <p>Accessibility: A Executive Page: D Employee Page: D</p> <p>Source: www.ocgrandjury.org/reports.asp</p>	<p>CMSD received the following grades from the 2011-12 Orange County Grand Jury for their website transparency efforts:</p> <p>Accessibility: A Executive Page: B+ Employee Page: B+</p> <p>Source: www.ocgrandjury.org/reports.asp</p>
<p><u>Does not</u> disclose the general manager's contract on their website.</p>	<p><u>Does</u> disclose the general manager's contract, including all amendments, on their website.</p>
<p><u>Does not</u> disclose more than one compensation report.</p>	<p><u>Does</u> disclose five compensation reports, starting in FY 2011-12.</p>
<p><u>Does not</u> disclose on their website a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), which extracts information to produce high quality financial reports specifically designed to be easily understandable to the public.</p>	<p><u>Does</u> disclose on their website a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), which extracts information to produce high quality financial reports specifically designed to be easily understandable to the public.</p>
<p><u>Does not</u> disclose all Board of Directors meeting minutes. 2012 is the last year of minutes.</p>	<p><u>Does</u> disclose all Board of Directors meeting minutes dating back to February 18, 1944.</p>
<p><u>Does not</u> disclose all Board of Directors adopted motions (Resolutions) describing their action.</p>	<p><u>Does</u> disclose all Board of Directors adopted motions (Resolutions) describing their action, dating back to the first motion, Resolution 1946-01, adopted on September 13, 1946.</p>